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881 868 702 721 not undergone it is not cheerfully received by members of a raiding party he seeks to join. "Some do not volunteer. They are looked down upon. They cannot go on the warpath." Yet the youth who is unprepared is not goaded into premature participation. "If a boy thinks he can't stand it, he doesn't go." Nor does any boy start out ignorant of what he faces: "When a boy wants to volunteer, his relatives tell him of the hardships and dangers. If he still wants to go, they let him."

Once a boy has declared his intention of becoming a novice, he receives advice to guide his conduct during the four expeditions:

The first four times are important because, if a man shows himself to be unreliable and disobedient these first four times, that will remain his nature throughout expeditions and battles. The boys are told this, and they try to be at their best during this time. So they don't cause much trouble.

[834] While you are a novice you have to watch out for your morals. If you are loose when you come back from one of these expeditions and have a lot of sexual intercourse, it will be your nature through life. Boys are instructed from the [867] start about this. These things are impressed on them: "Don't be a coward; [597] don't be untruthful; don't eat too much when you come back to camp between raids, or that will be your nature." So during the entire period the boy puts out his best [effort] and behaves his best.

881 868 702 756 721 One informant testified that the necessary information was imparted to him by his father. Another claimed that "a relative teaches the boy; a special man is not needed." Yet from still other accounts it is clear that shamans whose rites center about the location and frustration of the enemy and the granting of invulnerability in battle often prepare the youths for these [714] journeys. Their selection is logical, for "these shamans, the 'bow shamans,' also make the jackets and other things which protect [561] a man in battle." Often a number of young men of the same age are put in the care of one shaman.

All the volunteers are gathered and instructed by the shaman. They are taught the words and how they should conduct themselves. They are given a general outline of what they should do. It takes just a few days to learn.

[714] The inexperienced boys who are on the raid for the first time have a certain [291] kind of hat. And they are the only ones who have the drinking-tube along. The [413] drinking-tube has a scratching-stick attached to it; that is, on the same cord. This scratching-stick is about five inches long and is made from the wood of any tree that bears fruit.

[714] The shaman in charge of the boys makes the hats for them. There is no pay-